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1. The following final draft of the declaration of the Peasant Party opposition movement has been prepared by Dr. Vlado Macek, exiled Croatian Peasant Party leader, and sent to certain Peasant Party leaders of Hungary, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Rumania and Poland. The earlier text of the draft declaration (see 25X1A2g [redacted]) was amended by Dr. Juraj Krnjević in London, whose suggestions were incorporated in the final draft.

2. According to a reliable Hungarian source, the copy of the declaration for Prime Minister Nagy of Hungary has not yet been dispatched, since it was thought in some quarters that it was impossible for Nagy to sign the declaration in his position as Prime Minister and leader of the Small Holders Party as well. It was suggested that Nagy return a letter to Macek expressing interest and sympathy with the opposition movement, instead of signing the declaration.

3. Manifesto of the Peasant Party opposition leaders:

In the present era, when the principle guaranteeing progress and international peace should be founded on the free will of the people, the peasant populations of Eastern and Southeastern Europe are obliged to accept regimes which have been forcibly imposed on them. These regimes are the very ones which prevent any free expression of popular will.

The East and the West have adopted a strange attitude toward these hundreds of millions of peasants, regarding them as immature and incapable and in need of tutelage of some kind, be it dictatorship or the rule of dictatorial cliques that has at present been imposed on them. The East and West regard the representatives of these cliques as the representatives of their countries.

An even more regrettable fact is that workers' parties and the governments of these parties fail to understand that today the peasant in this part of Europe is a greater martyr than was the worker during the darkest moment of his history, before the introduction of universal suffrage and other democratic liberties. Although the last traces of feudalism have been wiped out, the peasant is master neither of his land nor of his labor. The peasants, who before World War II were the principal protagonists in the struggle for freedom and true democracy, are now at a greater disadvantage than they were during the darkest days of the Middle Ages.

That is why we, the undersigned representatives of the peasant parties, who live

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in freedom and can speak freely, are addressing this appeal to all democratic governments and all democratic movements of the world. As interpreters of the peasant ideology we declare that:

- 1.) Rejecting the materialistic ideology of Communism, we maintain that only the ethical principles of faith in God and preservation of family life can assure the progress and happier future of our peoples.
- 2.) Individual liberty for property rights of the peasants is the basis of the political and social force of our countries. In the past we have fought against an outdated feudalism; we continue at present to fight against becoming slaves of the State or of a political clique holding power. We are particularly opposed to the idea of compulsory cooperatives which would effect the forced merger of our hitherto free peasant properties.
- 3.) We maintain that only in accordance with the liberties of true democracy for all individuals and democratic parties will free discussion and mutual agreements bring about the solution of current problems. We firmly reject the "new democracy" as presented by the Communist parties and which, in reality, is simply a new form of dictatorship by a clique whose first concern is the destruction of liberty and the preparation of a world revolution.
- 4.) We are hereby appealing to all other democratic parties to subscribe to this declaration in order to facilitate the common struggle for democratic liberties.
- 5.) Pursuant to these declarations and closely united among ourselves, we are determined to engage in political action in order to bring about the application of the principles laid down in this manifesto.